

# Goddard Seeks to Increase Municipal Sewage Funds

By The Associated Press

Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, state secretary of environmental resources, yesterday said he may ask the Legislature to provide massive amounts of funds for municipal sewage projects.

At a news conference where he outlined the administration's environmental aims, Dr. Goddard said existing funds for sewage disposal projects are expected to run out by 1973.

A \$100 million fund for this purpose was expected to last until 1978 but increased construction will exhaust the fund in another two years, Dr. Goddard said.

If more money is not provided, he added a serious slowdown in the state's water pollution battle might occur.

Dr. Goddard said the alternative to increased General

Fund appropriations would be diversion of money earmarked for other conservation areas such as mine drainage and park development.

Dr. Goddard said he would seek a bill to control pesticides, putting DDT regulation in the hands of a special commission.

Another proposed bill will force early formation of regional waste control systems in Pennsylvania. Such regionalization could cut sewage treatment costs up to one half for the homeowner, said Wesley Gilbertson, deputy secretary of environmental protection.

River conservation would be the chief aim of another bill under preparation by the department.

Dr. Goddard said it would define four classes of protected rivers — wild rivers, such as Beech Creek in Centre County;

scenic, accessible rivers, such as Pine Creek, Snyder County, and modified recreational rivers (those with low dams), such as the Susquehanna River from Sunbury to Amity Hall.

The act creating the **Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers System** may enable the state to secure easements and rights of way as well as land along banks of such rivers, Dr. Goddard said.

The department would assume control over certifying sites for nuclear power plants under another measure under preparation.

A surface mining bill now in the Senate and due for a vote next week will be amended to stiffen insurance requirements for open pit mine operators, Dr. Goddard said.

Dr. Goddard said his department also will give vigorous support to a billboard control measure slated for formal announcement by Jacob Kassab, secretary of transportation.